MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: A word regarding the resolution at Shertalai. I was invited to preside over the Shertalai meeting. Being the President of the Session, I admit I had some responsibility for the resolutions passed. But that responsibility was only an indirect one. The real question to be considered is whether I spoke on any resolution. I can positively say 'No'. All my responsibilty was to be there to put the resolutions to vote in a neutral attitude. That was what I did too. I do not doubt for a moment that my honourable colleagues here, sensible as they are, would advise me to walk out of the meeting. I did not consider it necessary to walk out of the meeting either.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: May I know.....

PRESIDENT: A member is entitled to make a personal explanation arising from remarks whether those remarks fall from the Chair or from any one else. In so far as he confines himself to a personal explanation, he cannot be interrogated and no questions can be put to him.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: I have nothing more to say.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: I have to announce that I have nominated Mr. J. W. Tolson and Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai to the panel of Chairmen for this session of the Assembly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that he had received the following message from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council:

> "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 15th August 1941 agreed without any amendment to the following Bills which were passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 4th August 1941:—
> The Travancore Motor Vehicles Bill, The Travancore Penal Code Amendment Bill, The Travancore Insurance Act Amendment Bill, The Travancore Evidence Bill and The Criminal Procedure Code Bill."

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary announced that the following bills had received the Assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

The Travancore Motor Vehicles Bill, The Travancore Penal Code Bill, The Travancore Insurance Act Amendment Bill, The Travancore Evidence Bill, The Travancore Criminal Procedure Code Bill, The Hindu Gains of Learning Bill and The Kshatriya Act Amendment Bill.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AIYAR: Sir,

Under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure (relating to the budget for 1116) authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

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STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
VII—A. Stamp Manufactory ...	8,310	For the purchase of cardboards and covers.
XVI - C. Administration of Justice ...	10,000	For payment of batta to prisoners of Criminal courts
XXX—A. Scientific & Miscellaneous Departments— (ii) Government Gardens ...	350	For the maintenance of the zoo animals.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND II—LAND REVENUE AND TAXES ON INCOME.

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 367 under Demand II—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income for meeting the expenditure on account of arrears of rent due for the building in which the office of the Deputy Commissioner Tax was held. The arrears relate to the period from Thulam to Meenom 1116. The amount provided for the purpose in the budget for 1116 could not be drawn and disbursed as there was a dispute about the title of the person entitled to receive the rent. The dispute has now been settled and the rent is proposed to be paid. I move that the House may sanction a supplementary grant of Rs. 367 for payment of this amount.

The Demand was put to vote and carried and grant was made.

DEMAND VII—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

T. A. to the P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 5,125 under P. W. D. including Water Works and Drainage. This amount is required to meet the additional expenditure on account of the T. A. claims of the members of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee divided itself into small sub-committees and travelled all over the State in order to select the works for the year 1117. There was not enough provision to meet their T. A. claims in this year's budget.

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